

FISCAL NOTE

SB 668 - HB 778

April 2, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Defines economic development as it relates to the power of eminent domain and provides guidelines for public takings.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Changes in property tax collections could occur as a result of this bill if the provisions of the bill result in fewer takings. Currently, if an entity acquires property through the power of eminent domain, there may be a change in tax status as the property changes from a taxable parcel to a tax exempt parcel. If the taken parcel is subsequently leased to a private entity, in-lieu of tax payments may be negotiated with the private entity. The amount of such payments can vary according to individually negotiated circumstances and may differ from the amount of tax collected prior to the government taking. Under this bill, such transactions would no longer take place. The property tax revenue impact cannot reasonably be quantified due to the unique circumstances of each taking.

Assumptions:

- Industrial development boards and developmental housing authorities are authorized to use the power of eminent domain to take property. To date, staff has been unable to find any instance of industrial development boards utilizing this power.
- The use of the power of eminent domain for traditional purposes such as the construction of roads would be a permissible public use, rather than a promotion of economic development, and would therefore continue.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director